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In Re Patent Application of:

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INDUSTRIAL LIGHT FIXTURE

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EXAMINER
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 10, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment indicates that applicants had failed to timely file new formal drawings as required by the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated August 6, 2003. Based on the remarks below and the copies of the documents accompanying this Petition, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a).

Applicants responded to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers within the 30-day time period indicated by transmitting nine sheets of new formal drawings on August 12, 2003, a copy of said transmittal by mail to the Commissioner for Patents at P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 is enclosed (Exhibit 1). Also enclosed is a copy of the MPEP 503 postcard receipt (Exhibit 2) documenting receipt of this transmittal of new formal drawings by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2003.

Applicants believe that the requirement to file new formal drawings as required in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers with respect to the above identified application

was met within the designated time period. Applicants ask therefore that a withdrawal of the holding of abandonment be granted and their application be passed on for issuance.

While the applicants believe that there is no fee in connection to this petition due to the disagreement as to the controlling date, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or necessary to facilitate withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment to Deposit Account Number 10-0270.

Respectfully submitted,



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